

2.0 Milestones

2.1 Introduction

This section discusses the milestones that have been agreed to by all parties in support of this Agreement. These milestones represent the actions necessary to ensure acceptable progress toward Hanford Site compliance with RCRA, CERCLA, and the Washington State *Hazardous Waste Management Act* (HWMA). Appendix D contains interim milestones and target dates which support major milestones.

The major milestones fall into the following categories:

- Disposal of tank wastes
- Cleanup of past-practice units
- RCRA and HWMA operating requirements.

New facilities required to support these activities are included in the category that they most directly support, recognizing that some of the facilities (e.g., laboratories) support more than one category.

The major milestones discussed in this section are based on existing funding and anticipated funding levels in the future. If funding levels are greater than anticipated, or if new sources of funding become available, the parties agree to renegotiate the milestones to decrease the amount of time necessary to complete the work.

2.2 Disposal of Tank Wastes

This category addresses the closure of the Hanford single-shell storage tanks and the final disposition of the wastes that are stored in single and double-shell tanks. The goals of these milestones are to reduce the current risk associated with single-shell tanks and to implement the long-term solutions for final disposition of all tank wastes. The milestones associated with single-shell tank closure support a schedule to complete all actions in accordance with a 40-year tank closure schedule.

2.3 Cleanup of Past-Practice Units

This category addresses the investigation and resultant remedial or corrective actions for past-practice units (see Section 3.3 for discussion of past-practice units) on the Hanford Site. The goal of these milestones is to achieve timely and appropriate cleanup of the Hanford Site. The milestones associated with operable unit investigations and cleanup support a schedule to complete all site cleanup actions in accordance with site cleanup schedules established in accordance with the HFFACO.

2.4 RCRA and HWMA Operating Requirements

This category addresses those actions necessary to satisfy RCRA requirements and obtain a final operating permit for all TSD units on the Hanford Site. It also addresses closure of those TSD units that are not being closed in conjunction with past-practice units. The goal of these milestones is to achieve compliance with all RCRA and State Dangerous Waste Program requirements.